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SUBJ: TURKISH MILITARY VIEW ON CYPRUS

1. IN EMBOFF/DATT CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH OCCUPATION ARMY CHIEF
OF STAFF AND LIAISON OFFICER AUGUST 22, FOLLOWING POINTS
OF INTEREST EMERGED.

A. TURKISH ARMY RESERVES TO ITSELF RIGHT TO DELINEATE
CEASE-FIRE LINE AND WILL RESIST PROVIDING DETAILED
TRACE AS PLOY FORCE GREEKS TO
BARGAINING TABLE. DESPITE AMBIGUITY ABOVE, BOTH
OFFICERS VEHEMENTLY DENIED TURKISH VIOLATIONS CEASE-
FIRE. SAID THEY WOULD CHECK WITH "HIGHER AUTHORITIES"
TO SEE WHETHER IT POSSIBLE PROVIDE DATT WITH
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TRACE TURKISH POSITIONS TO ENABLE HIM REPORT FURTHER

"ALLEGED VIOLATIONS" ACCURATELY.

B. OFFICERS REITERATED NOW STANDARD TURK LINE THAT UNFICYP HAS NO MANDATE WITHIN TURK-CONTROLLED TERRITORY. OFFERED EXTREMELY FUZZY REASONS FOR RESISTING THE STATIONING OF UN TROOPS ALONG CEASE-FIRE LINE. (COMMENT? READING BETWEEN THE LINES, IT APPARENT BOTH OFFICERS DO NOT WANT UNFICYP IN THEIR PATH IF TURK ARMY DECIDES ROLL AGAIN.)

C. FROM CONTEXT CONVERSATION, IT CLEAR TURKISH ARMY LEADERSHIP HAS NOT ADDRESSED POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF UNFICYP MANDATE CHARGE. IN PARTICULAR, BOTH WERE SHOCKED AT THOUGHT THAT SOVIETS MIGHT SEEK INTRODUCE BLOC TROOPS INTO PEACE-KEEPING FORCES.

2. WITHOUT EXPLICITLY ADMITTING IT, BOTH OFFICERS CLEARLY AWARE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY MINOR TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE. THEY URGED, HOWEVER, THAT WE AVOID CONCENTRATING ON THESE "SMALL MATTERS" AND TOOK AT LARGER PICTURE. TURKISH ARMY CAN GO ANYWHERE ON ISLAND IT DESIRES; FACT THAT IT HAS⁹⁵ DONE SO DEMONSTRATES "TURKISH RESTRAINT."

3. DATT ENCOURAGED OFFICERS TAKE MEASURES TO INSTILL SENSE OF TRUST AMONG GREEK CYPRIOT POPULATION IN TURKISH PROMISES. HE SUGGESTED AS ONE COURSE OF ACTION THAT MAJOR PORTION OF FAMAGUSTA BE TURNED OVER TO UN CONTROL, AS DEMILITARIZED ZONE, ALLOWING CIVILIAN GREEK POPULATION TO RETURN TO THAT PORTION OF THE CITY. TURKISH OFFICERS TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON POINTS RAISED.

4. DETAILS OF THIS CONVERSATION, PARTICULARLY AS THEY RELATE MILITARY MATTERS, BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY THROUGH DATT CHANNELS. BROWN

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